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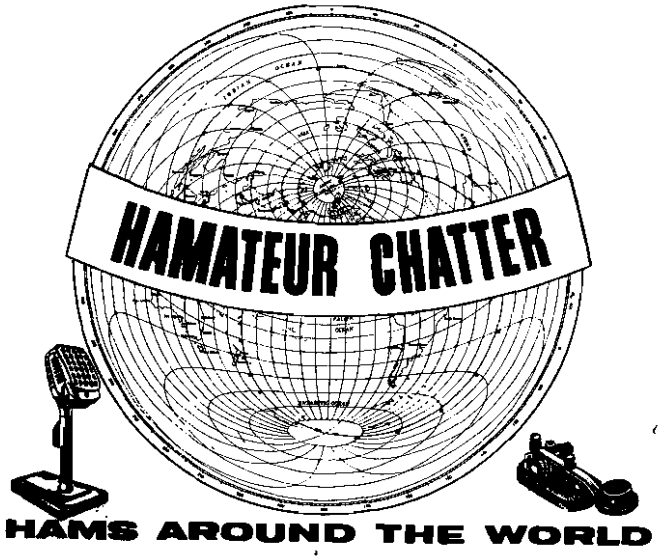

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THE POOPDECK
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ARRL Headquarters advises us, just last week, that the CENTRAL DIVISION has made it over the TOP in the Building Fund Campaign. We are NUMBER 12 in the line-up.

February will mark the passing of Alec Reid and "Bud" Budlong.

"Chuck" Reberg, W9MVZ, EX Director "Asst", lost his life in a car accident, near Gary.

Be sure to advise your friends that the CODE CLASS is meeting TUESDAY NIGHTS at 7:00 p.m. at AMATEUR ELECTRONIC SUPPLY. Lowell pronounces it THE BEST in a long while — it's free.

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Charlie would like your DUES NOW SEVEN BUCKS PAYS IT ALL - QST and MRAC BIG Money Saving Deal — One check gets everything - Hamachatter, QST, MRAC.

Our thanks to the folks at Pabst. As usual, a great party. We are booked up for next year.

Ray Birren, the QSL Manager, requests a reminder be inserted to REMIND you about the envelopes at the Bureau - he says it's time.

What, now, about this CENTRAL DIVISION CONVENTION. Isn't it about time you learned a little something about the "Goings-on". We are TWO Months into the Mission. WE are:

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So much for WHO-WHAT- Dates are seventh and eighth of JULY, 1967 — WHERE - the Milwaukee Inn on the COOL-GREEN hill at Juneau Park, HIGH ABOVE Lake Michigan.

At this stage of the planning, matters have followed a schedule so the pieces flow smoothly into a pattern that is leisurely and unhurried: brewery visits, Plant Tours, rubber-necks to the World's Outstanding ZOO and Missile Plants, BIG emphasis on SWAP and SHOP, FOREIGN SHIPPING, HAM RADIO's MOST OUTSTANDING OPEN HOUSE, Wouff-HONG Initiation, Wis. Nets Meeting, MARS, RTTY, VHF, Band Spectacle, and LOTS more. The entire make-up will be designed so you can set your own pace and have fun - young, old, serious, or just FUN.

Paul J. Kruger now has tickets, ADVANCE TICKETS - they sell at $5.50 EACH in advance — this includes FULL Registration, Banquet, and the WORLD'S GREATEST ADVANCE REGISTRATION PRIZE, a SWAN 500 COMPLETE with AC Power Supply. You get a DOUBLE SHOT at prizes - after the ADVANCE PRIZES have been drawn, ALL Tickets go back for the REGULAR DRAWINGS.

WE RECOMMEND PROMPT ACTION

DROP A LINE TO BOX 5296

$5.50 PER TICKET

TICKETS WILL BE MAILED PROMPTLY

REMEMBER, WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS — EARLY DOES IT
—— MAKE IT EASY ——

The SWAN is on Display at AMATEUR ELECTRONIC SUPPLY, 4828 West Fond du Lac Avenue.

Year-end figures for the Central Division show us within .07 percent of the total membership of the previous year in ARRL total membership. . . That's only SEVEN PEOPLE — let's get caught up NOW. you still save a HALF at MRAC.

Allied is dropping the "Ham Shack" and we are sorry to see the change. Drive is on Hi-Fi and TV. Kits will continue, but space is the problem.

AREC is getting ready for Spring and increased activity. Bob Goldstein is making a 10,000 mile trip and is in the South at present. Expects to visit ARRL Headquarters in March. Jack MacCleland, W9ATK, is taking over in his absence. Jack has been busy acquiring 2 Meter FM equipment and has much gear ready for service. This is the time to make your wants known if you have any ideas along this line — als, RED CROSS gear is available for LEASE. Jack will give you all the information.

Dale Anderson, W9OSK, is the newly-elected chairman of AREC Meetings the FIRST TUESDAY at the RED CROSS, 26th and Wisconsin Avenue, 7:30 p.m.. . .And, don't forget that traffic net, 7 to 8 am and 4 to 5:30 p.m. Call 'em in and listen to WISN to see what's going on.

Didja ever stop to think? what a great time these Old Timers could have with 2 Meter FM, and what a tremendous influence they could have on the newcomers — and for PEANUTS. Takes no room, needs hardly ANY antenna, and lets you live a little. Couple of NEWCOMERS at the O. T. Party, pointing out a couple of Old Timers, Jeez, they are BOTH W9's - imagine that.

How about thos CRAZY SUNSPOTS, 15 and 20 Open ALL NIGHT, and TEN, just give that a listen once in a while. Going to be better than '37 or '38. As we spread out again, things get looser and, then, too, ARRL Headquarters at year end '66 comment on 1966 being DOWN 10,000 new licenses. Perhaps the license fees are cutting down renewals or second and third license issues. And it looks as if LONG SUFFERING UNCLE SAM is getting a "belly full" of C. B. — finally.

CLIP TIPS

About this DOCKET #15928 —
Much Rumor and NO FACTS. What IS known, however, is that PILES of COMMENT have been tabulated and analyzed by Staff People at FCC and made ready for the COMMISSION. NOBODY cares to GUESS when ACTION will take place — or IF IT CAN. Everyone wants to SAVE FACE, OR justify their PERSONAL opinion. THE GAME IS INTO OVERTIME by 10 Poerids, and everyone would like to see it GO AWAY (NOTE: Your Editor has always had the opinion that it NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVITED in the first place. But it's with us and HOW to find a Skeleton closet to Stash it in IS the problem of the COMMISSION itself. Way, way back there on October 10, 1949, there was held an Informal Conference on Proposed Amateur Rules (Docket 9295), and this conference featured the BIG Leagues of Amateur Radio. By whatsoever name they may have been known, they could have been divided into CW Forever versus PHONE. EVERYONE PRESENT waved the SAME FLAG, ALL FOR AMATEUR RADIO, but precious few meant it.

Nobody ever got a copy of the transcript. Your Ed tried for years without success, but it appeared to be in order to forget the hostilities of two or three years and make the MOST of Docket #9295, heal some wounds and make the BEST that we could of the NEW Rules — there were some EXCELLENT features, to wit:

The Novice Class - This offered an organized gateway into amateur radio, nearly did away with "Bootlegging", and did provide areas that enabled operation with OTHER novices. It caused our ranks to surge upwards in numbers and provided our Clubs with opportunity to operate well-attended Code and Instruction Classes. This created GROWTH in our ranks and growth in the ARRL. League membership GREW from less than 35,000 to over 60,000 in the first three years of the 50's. While the percentage of Novices who WENT UP was never what we thought it might have been, it has been on an increase (possibly helped by CB in recent years, giving us a new source of candidates, whom we welcome).

Technicians - Originally a non-communication type of License, required no C.W. and intended for use by experimenters who worked with Guidance, Control, Measurements, Celestial Observance, and the like. This was opened to Cimmunications on limited VHF frequencies and soon, accusations of Bootlegging and Finger-pointing began making rifts in our Amateur ranks at Club levels and between amateurs.

Class C - Under Docket #9295, the EXAMINATION POINT was DROPPED to 75 Miles. Without a doubt, this change caused every form of demoralization, from crass comercialism to outright disrespect. Amateurs of long standing worked out "DEALS" that put people on the air for FLAT COSTS (everything, including a LOG BOOK and a few hours of instruction). Many were find operators, few were qualified, apprehensions were many, and the number of Class C holders grew in size in some Call areas - until they approached a majority. Presently, with the recently restored EXAMINATION LIMITS, this situation is remedied.

Class B - This class was discontinued under Docket #9295 and the GENERAL CLASS took it's place — same code speed of 13 w.p.m. and a new MULTIPLE CHOICE written.

Class A - Up to Docket #9295, an examination that COULD be taken if desired, the INCENTIVE being permissible operation on Phone in segments of the 20 and 80 Meter allocations, it required an extensive written examination and could only be taken AFTER Class B had been held ONE YEAR or MORE, and had to be taken before a Radio Inspector.

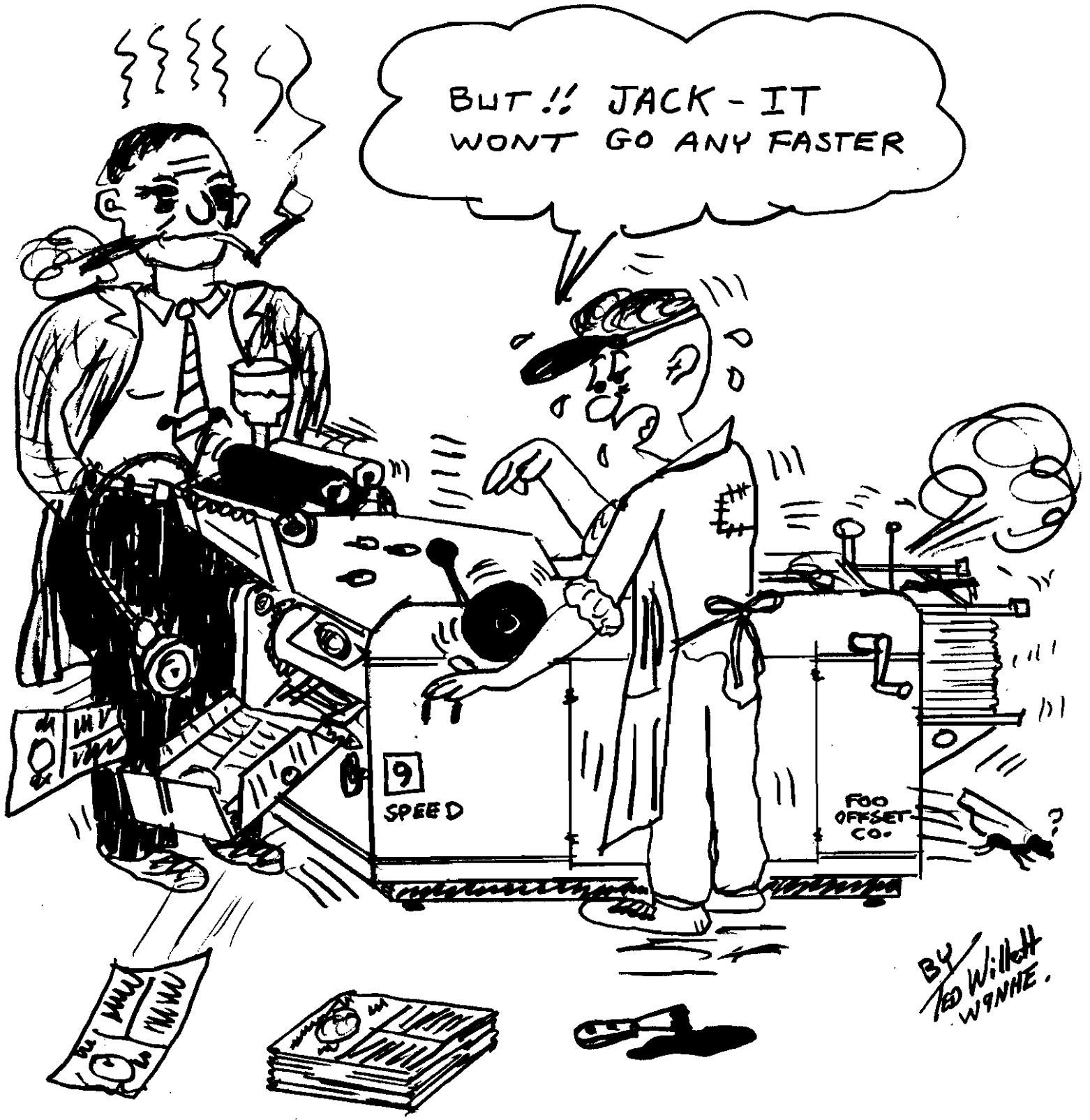
The General Class replaced the Class A and Class B, as the result of Docket 9295.

The Amateur Extra Class - This was new as a resulf of Docket 9295. Offered NOTHING for passage except a Certificate; required 20 w.p.m. code speed; plus modernization of practices, techniques, and modes; nothing in the way of frequencies for operation. As a result of the October 10, 1949 Hearing, a GRANDFATHERS CLAUSE was inserted extending AMEX Class to all who applied THAT WERE LICENSED PRIOR TO A DATE IN 1919 - this group constitute the BULK of the present holders.

As I scan the ATTENDANCE Sheet of the 1949 Hearing on Docket #9295 and note the names in attendance, I catch my mind wandering over the four hears of Hassels PRIOR to that Docket - PLUS the five years of digging and jabbing over 15928, and make it nearly ten years of selfish continuance of that old Partisan Guerilla-type action that marks Vietnam, in which most certainly NOBODY WILL OR CAN WIN A FULL Victory — not C.W. -- not PHONE — and, above all, NOT AMATEUR RADIO in the final outcome. Is it any wonder, therefore, that the Commission would LOVE to find someone to HOLD the Rug under which to sweep the MESS? I would gladly have volunteered in 1949 - and I will do so again.

A fellow should never take these weather prophets too seriously, and it wasn't until last week that we took ANY possibility of SPRING ever showing up this year. Steve, W9EAN, was bustling about, stacking, packing and making room for TRUCKLOADS of ANTENNAE. When asked about the activity, Steve indicated that most of them had been in short supply, many were on order, and the fellows had experienced a "Tough Winter" on aluminum. Besides, says Steve, there have FINALLY been some decent improvements. We have installed a CLASSIC 32, and can recommend it - not only on performance, but assembly and performance as well.

OLD TIMER'S NIGHT



Due to the increase in business at AMATEUR ELECTRONIC SUPPLY'S Print Shop known as "Instand Offset" we are very sorry for the delay in this issue of Hamateur Chatter.

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